## Joe Washington, Jr. Football



Joe Washington, Jr. is a native of Port Arthur where he graduated from Lincoln High School and was one of the most sought after football players in Texas history. A running back, Washington was a Parade Magazine High School All-American and chose to attend the University of Oklahoma (OU).

At OU, he was All-Big 8 for three consecutive years and was All-American in 1974 and 1975. He was also a runner-up for the Heisman Trophy both those years and the San Diego Chargers made him the fourth player selected overall in the 1976 NFL draft. He also played for the Baltimore Colts, Washington Redskins and Atlanta

Falcons. Washington was the Redskin's 1981 team MVP after leading the club in rushing and receiving, the only player in Redskins' history to do so. He was a member of two Super Bowl teams (XVII and XVIII), with the Redskins winning XVII.

Washington is involved with myriad business and community groups and is a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame, the University of Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, and the College Football Hall of Fame. He is OU's executive director of the Varsity O Association and Special Assistant to the Director of Athletics. He is the son of Joe Washington, Sr., who was one the most successful high school football coaches in Texas history.